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The power production plan for the second quarter of this year was fulfilled 89 percent, and electric power productivity was increased 5.7 percent, or, including power from Rumania, 8 percent in all. In comparison with last year, electric production capacity has been increased 16 percent.

Power plants during the first half of last year were operated 2,216 hours, and this year it was 246 hours less, because of small consumption by industry and a low output in April.

Power production for the half year was fulfilled 42.5 percent of this year's quota.

The Ministry of Electrification fulfilled its general construction quota for the second quarter 85 percent, and construction for the half is 46 percent of the year's plan. The power production plan for the second quarter was fulfilled 102 percent.

The production of the electric industry is over 200 percent of what it was last year. Electric motors are also being produced with as much as 80 kilowatts' capacity, transformers up to 3,000 kilovolt amperes, and batteries, telephones, sets, etc. A large-capacity power plant and factories for porcelain insulators and light bulbs are being built.

The shortage of porcelain insulators has been a serious handicap in the production of transformers. The production of light bulbs has been planned in accordance with the shortage of glass and tungsten filament.

Construction work has been hindered by the shortage of copper wire, wire insulators for long-distance stations, cement, etc., but construction during the second quarter of this year has been twice that of the same quarter last year.

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